checking staff, intensive drives are also conducted by the Railways in association with the Police to prevent entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved compartments.

Conversion of Saryu Express into fast passenger

†1887. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Saryu Express has halt at 16 stations on its 155 km. long route and halts at all the stations between Pratapgarh and Allahabad though the number of its passengers is very low due to express fare charged therefor and therefore the train is running in loss;

(b) whether Government would convert this train into a fast passenger train so that a maximum number of passengers can travel in this train on account of less fare and the department can earn profit;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Converting Saryu Express into a Passenger would not only invite demands for additional stopages which would lengthen the transit time but also mean loss of revenue to the Railways.

Passengers travelling on roof of the coaches

†1888. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite strict instructions of the Railway administration, passengers still travel over the roof of railway coaches in utter violation of rules;

(b) whether there are strict directions by the Ministry to the station management not to allow any passenger to travel over the roof of coaches,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.